

REMARKS

With entry of the present amendment, Claims 49-76 are now pending, of which Claims 49, 59, 71, 75 and 76 are independent. Claims 49, 50, 55-59, 61, 66-68, and 71 are amended by the present amendment. With entry of the present amendment, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. In view of the present amendment and the amendment filed on September 14, 2009, reconsideration of any outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Todd for the telephone interview that was conducted in this application on October 20, 2009. Examiner Todd and the undersigned participated in the interview. The rejection of Claims 49-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 was discussed. The teachings of Himmelstein, Labio and Peterson were discussed. Amendments to independent Claims 49, 59 and 71 and dependent Claim 56 were discussed.

In the present amendment, independent Claims 49, 59 and 71 are amended to make it clear that the peer computers perform distributed processing tasks to create the geographically bounded network. In addition, Claims 49, 50, 55-59, 61, 66-68, and 71 have been amended to ensure that proper antecedent basis has been used throughout the claims and/or to claim the invention more distinctly. Further, New Claim 75 is a system claim that parallels independent Claim 71, and new Claim 76 is a system claim that parallels Claim 59. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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